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TOWN DAY

By CAROL BEGGY
Advocate Assistant Editor

Long before Town Day in Arlington ended, residents were already looking around at each other and remarking on what a success it was. Fireworks burst over Spy Pond Friday night promptly at 8, Bobby Orr gave his signing hand a workout, and then thousands of Arlington residents turned out to enjoy local food, artwork and community pride.

It was Arlington's 11th annual Town Day, and by all accounts it was better than ever.

Attendance for the two-day event was pegged at 60,000, with no major problems reported, making it the largest Town Day yet.

"I thought it went well," said a humble David Curren, chairman of the Town Day Committee. "But that's a testament to the committee and the work the organizations put into the event."

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After three weekends of cold rain, the skies were bright blue. A crisp autumn wind caught stray balloons. Youths mischievously unleashed streams of shaving cream on each other. Best of all, generations of Arlingtonians — some driving through several states to get here — got together again.

More than 14,000 people made their way to Spy Pond Field Friday night for the Annual Uncle Sam Cook-out. They listened to a concert by Arlington native Steve Vig Leone. They ate crates of hotdogs and hamburgers prepared by the Arlington Kiwanis and Elks clubs.

Some of the more popular items at Spy Pond Field Friday night, however, were coffee and blankets as temperatures dipped into low 50s. But the clear cool sky provided

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Arlington shows her true colors



C.U. the Clown, Clarence Rudolph of Gloucester, grabs the sunshine along Massachusetts Ave. in front of town hall last Saturday during the most successful Town Day yet. (Paul Drake photo)

Murray resigns prompting search for replacement

By DANA GARDNER
Advocate Editor

When the single sentence in the state statutes was found, the verdict became more than clear. Bob Murray, Arlington's advocate of the young and elderly, a Town Meeting member for almost 20 years, a former School Committee member and veteran selectman, would have to step down.

In a brief letter Sept. 24 to Town Clerk Ann Powers, Murray said he could not finish his term. The move from Arlington Heights to West Harwich on the Cape earlier this month had made him ineligible. He handed in his keys, stopped being selectman and surrendered his Precinct 19 Town Meeting membership.

The resignation, while expected by some, has created a flurry of behind-the-scenes activity. A new selectman will have to be chosen in 30 days. The

election isn't until April, and some of the town's most critical annual business will occur before any ballots are cast.

The town's appointing authority, comprised of selectmen and the town moderator, will have to be called for the second time in three months. In June a seat on the Board of Assessors was filled. Now a selectman will have to be named. An Oct. 7 meeting date has been announced.

The remaining selectmen, the town manager and the town moderator all praised Murray and his tenure in public office. With roots in East Arlington, he represented that section of town, as well as, in his words, "those who couldn't take care of themselves." He served as a liberal in the tradition of an Eighth Congressional District liberal.

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Consultant debated for schools review

By MARGARET BURNS
Special to The Advocate

The School Committee is debating the hiring of a strategic planning consultant to chart a systemwide course of long- and short-term goals for the public schools.

At Tuesday's meeting the group heard two presentations, from Aaron Fink and Grady McGonigle, explaining what strategic planning is and how each would implement his ideas.

Strategic planning, according to McGonigle, is jibing the mission, values and priorities of the School Committee with the perceived needs of the community, and analyzing the implications.

While the committee will decide at the next meeting on how to proceed, committee members differed on whether to hire a consultant. Those who felt it was worth the estimated \$2,800 to \$4,000 were divided on which man to contract.

Fink, who has 13 years of experience as a superintendent for the Newton Public Schools, said he would design a plan by working with all levels in the system. He added that he wants

an honest involvement from all levels so that the plan would be satisfactory to all involved.

While McGonigle, with extensive experience in the private and public sectors of consulting, proposed generally the same approach, he gave more detail and stressed a self-evaluation by the committee before drawing any conclusions.

Only after the committee knows the system's strengths and weaknesses would it be able to assess and implement an effective plan of action, he said.

For the first time in more than a decade the school system is facing rising enrollments. School buildings have been called in poor maintenance, and a stepping back and gauging resources for the future attitude has surfaced on the committee and in the administration in recent months.

McGonigle stressed that with his help he could essentially train the board to continue the planning process. He also gave the committee the option of using him for the initial planning

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Pilot program helps teachers cope with stress

By CAROL BEGGY
Advocate Assistant Editor

Arlington High School guidance counselor Vincent D'Antona has spent 25 years helping students shape their future and solve their problems.

But as times have changed, D'Antona has found, teachers themselves are becoming less prepared to help their students face the 1980s.

"The training I received in the '60s didn't equip me for the types of problems the students, teachers and parents are facing today," said D'Antona. "Twenty-five years ago they weren't talking about AIDS, sexual abuse, divorce, suicide, drug problems," said D'Antona.

"The student has changed. Teaching has changed. The teachers needed some way to catch up," he said.

D'Antona, together with other teachers, has been working to build a support system that allows educators to meet and discuss the types of problems surfacing in the modern classroom.

Eight veteran high school teachers and two members of the guidance staff are now in the final stages of a pilot teacher support program.

The 10 educators have met weekly since April, examining and discussing the forces at work in the high school classroom. Teachers participating in the program see it as a re-education program.

As the students' problems have changed so have the teachers' lives. "We're now moving to middle age and we are now facing new problems of our own with our family, jobs and society,"

he said.

"I know that last year in the guidance department teachers were coming in with concerns that we had never seen before and students had new problems," said Mary Dunigan, a guidance counselor for the last 16 years. "Some people even weren't sleeping at nights, they were bringing the concerns home with them."

Many teachers feel they are alone in dealing with student problems, said Jane Forsyth, a consultant, psychologist and educator from Lexington who led the support group.

"Teachers work alone in the classroom and often feel they are dealing with problems on their own," said Forsyth. "This program is a way of giving support in dealing with the issues they now face."

Forsyth said this type of program is not for every teacher nor administrator, and would not work in every school department.

"Arlington was ripe for a program like this," Forsyth told the high school faculty at a meeting last week. "There is a very supportive administration, plus hard working teachers, good students and a strong community."

There has been a need for a teacher support system that deals with the stress they face on the job, said Don Buckler, a science teacher and member of the group.

The program was funded through a Commonwealth In-service Institute Grant. The teachers, who are from different departments in the high school,

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AIDS panel urges spread of facts not hyped fears and false claims

By CAROL BEGGY
Advocate Assistant Editor

Experts urge that Arlington residents learn about AIDS, defending against both the real dangers and unfounded hysteria the virus spreads.

A panel discussion, "AIDS: Care Enough to Learn, Learn Enough to Care," conducted Monday by town health officials and educators, drew 200 listeners as part of a three-day drive to set the record straight on AIDS.

"It is not melodramatic to say this is a devastating disease," said Dr. Roger Pomerantz, a fellow at the infectious disease unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital. "It is without a doubt the most difficult and disturbing problem that I have seen."

A faculty workshop was held on Tuesday for interested elementary and

secondary teachers to answer questions. On Wednesday, informational assemblies about AIDS were held for all students at Arlington High School. During four individual class assemblies during the school day, Dr. Robert Carr of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, an AIDS patient and other medical and health officials presented students with information on the deadly disease and how it is spread.

The programs were developed after members of the high school's health services department found a need for questions to be answered about the disease, said John Welch, assistant superintendent for pupil and personnel services.

Panel member Dr. Robert Carey, a local internist and head of Internists Inc. of Arlington, said there is a need

for questions to be answered in Arlington because the disease has been found in town since it first being identified six years ago.

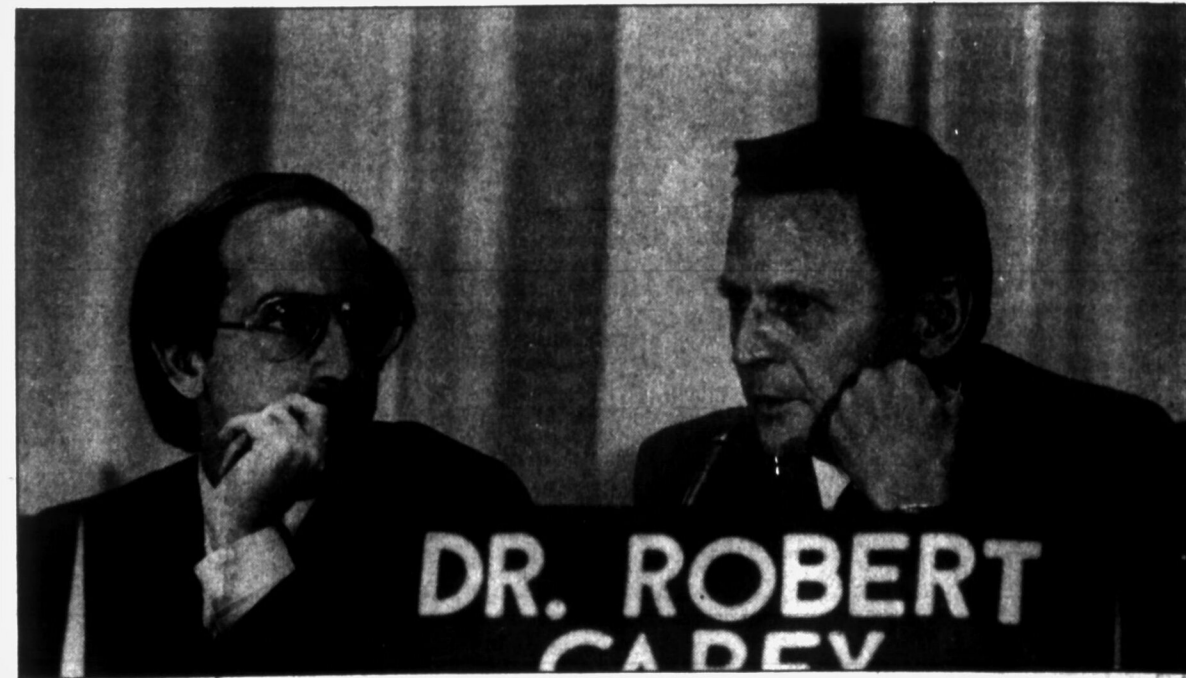
"I suppose I'm here to tell you if AIDS has reached Arlington," said Carey. "AIDS reached Arlington before it was every diagnosed in the papers."

Carey said he first saw the virus in 1980 when a man from California came to visit his ill father. "He didn't look good so we examined him and ran tests," said Carey. "It was something we had never seen before."

That man and others have since died of the disease, Carey said. Two new patients were diagnosed with the disease this month, he said.

"It is very much in our communi-

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Dr. Robert Pomerantz of Massachusetts General Hospital and Dr. Robert Carey of Arlington Internists Inc. discuss the facts about AIDS to 200 listeners this week. (George Ferrar photo)

Murals artist to give exhibition

The Arlington Art Association extends an open invitation to attend an artistic demonstration of distinctive quality to be given by internationally known professional artist Levon Mnzakian, whose exceptional work portrays the period of the high Renaissance.

A native of Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia, but now a resident of Avon Place, Arlington, Mnzakian has spent 30 years of researching the methods of the Renaissance craftsmen. He practices the labor-intensive methods of meticulously grinding his own paints from natural earth pigments and preparing his own glue and cold-pressed linseed oil.

In 1979 he was commissioned by the Christian Broadcasting Network to paint his magnum opus, a 6½ foot by 28 foot oil in canvas of The Last Supper. This magnificent masterpiece is viewed by thousands of visitors annually at the CBN headquarters in Virginia Beach.

The demonstration is to take place at the Arlington Art Association monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center on Academy Street (behind the town hall). Please enter at the rear of the building.

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Foxy Folks meets Monday

Everyone is cordially invited to a social program which meets on the last Monday of every month, at 1:30 p.m., at the Fox Branch Library, 175 Mass. Ave., Arlington.

This month's meeting features Roz Gittleman in "Fit as a Fiddle" a light exercise program set to music and, after light refreshments, the movie "Niagara Falls" will be shown. This is a cinematic history, made in 1986, of one of America's greatest natural phenomenon.

Elderhosteler to speak

The next Brown Bag Lunch of the Friends of the Robbins Public Library will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at noon, in the Fox Library. The speaker is to be Muriel Mather, former president of the Friends and originator of these monthly programs.

This past summer Mather was a first-time Elderhosteler, spending a week each in Ireland (outside Dublin), in Scotland (near Edinburgh), and in England (Staffordshire). The first Elderhostels opened on college campuses in New England 10 years ago. There are now programs in each of the United States and in more than 100 countries. To be eligible one must be 60 years of age or older, then the choices are almost

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limitless. Descriptive information is available in all public libraries.

The format for the Brown Bag Lunch is straightforward. Members and nonmembers alike meet at noon, in the Fox Library. A different hostess each month provides a beverage and a simple dessert. At 12:30 the program, usually a half hour in length, begins. It is finished before 1:30. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome at any time and is encouraged to do so. Mrs. Mather will speak as a newly committed Elderhosteler.

Winner named in book raffle

Karin Lukas of Charlton Street in Arlington won \$25 worth of books at the Robbins Library Town Day booth. "This is the first time I've ever won anything," said Lukas when told the news on Saturday. A total of 354 Town Day participants signed up for the free raffle. The \$25 gift certificate was donated by Arlington's Royal Discount Book Store.

'High Society' film shown

The MGM movie musical "High Society" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library Friday, Oct. 2 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

This is a musical re-make of "The Philadelphia Story" starring Grace Kelly in the Katharine Hepburn role, Bing Crosby in the Cary Grant role of the ex-husband and Frank Sinatra as the reporter, played by James Stewart in the earlier version. This star trio is sponsored by Celeste Holm, Louis Calhern and Louis Armstrong and a wonderful score by Cole Porter. It is free.

Circus clown to promote books

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 3:30 p.m. children ages 3-12 are invited to attend a special presentation by Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey clown, Cowboy Mike Kever. The program, "Reading Is Three Rings of

Fun," is part of a cooperative effort between Ringling Brothers Circus and the federal Reading Is Fundamental Program to promote reading and literacy nation-wide. After the performance, each child will receive a newsletter and a bookmark.

This October Robbins Library starts its 8th year as part of the Reading Is Fundamental Program. Through that program, the library is able to purchase a specified number of paperbacks for free distribution to children ages 3-12. Local funds pay for 25 percent of the cost while the RIF program covers the remaining 75 percent. This year, Robbins Library will conduct RIF paperback giveaways during February and April school vacations and at the beginning of the 1988 Summer Reading Club next June.

Junior library posts events

The main Robbins Junior Library holds free programs for children every Saturday morning, September through May, at 10:30 a.m. The schedule for October is:

- Oct. 3: Filmstrips—"Arthur's Halloween," "The Vanishing Pumpkin," and "George and Martha," three short filmstrips based on children's books for ages 3 and up.

- Oct. 10: Fall Craft Workshop for ages 5-9. Two examples of collage making with seasonal materials will be demonstrated. Advance sign-up required at Jr. Library desk or call 646-1000 x 4306.

- Oct. 17: Movies—"Magic Hat," and "Most Wonderful Egg In the World," two short movies for ages 3 and up (total running time 30 minutes).

- Oct. 24: Things To Do With Toddlers and Twos, a drop-in program for children ages 15 to 36 months and their parents; a short story, song and fingerplay session will be followed by a time to play and explore some age-appropriate activities.

- Oct. 31: Ghosts and Ghouls Halloween Party for children 3 to 9, featuring storytellers "West of the Moon," a costume parade and refreshments.

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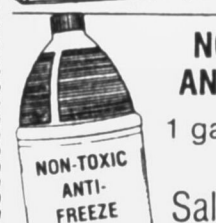
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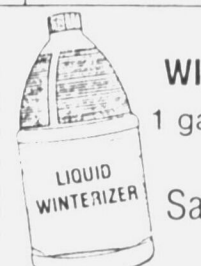
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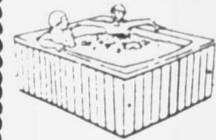
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FATIGUE

"Doctor, what makes me so tired all the time?" a question quite often asked. Constant fatigue may or may not be caused by a body malfunction. Thorough examinations should reveal a physical reason and give information for correction of the basic cause. Let's consider some of the more frequent causes of fatigue.

ANEMIA—means that the quality of the blood is poor. This may be because of poor eating habits or the digestive system's inability to utilize nutrition properly.

OXYGENATION—of the blood may be low due to poor breathing habits, or from mechanical or physiological reasons.

CIRCULATORY RESPONSE—Normally, there is increased circulation when the demand for it is placed upon the body. If the portion of the nerve system that controls this important system is not working correctly, fatigue will result.

LOW BLOOD SUGAR—(hypoglycemia)—Muscles obtain their contracting power from blood sugar. When the blood sugar level is down, fatigue and other symptoms occur. Eating candy may give temporary relief from this condition, but it is detrimental and makes the overall condition worse.

THYROID PROBLEMS—can cause constant fatigue and other symptoms. The thyroid gland regulates body metabolism and indirectly influences other glands of the body.

ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY—is a very frequent involvement. It is responsible for much fatigue as well as other

symptoms such as dizziness when arising rapidly and visual difficulty in bright light.

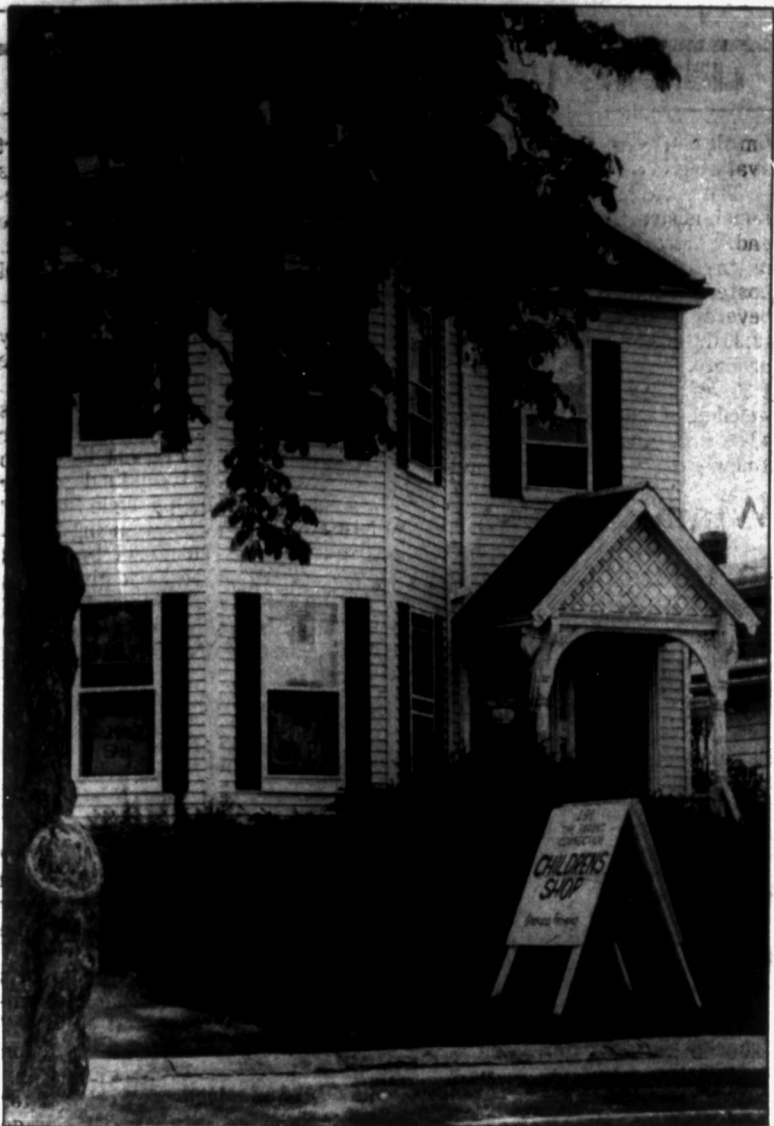
NUTRITIONAL—inadequacy can be from the body's failure to utilize food eaten, or from an imbalance diet. Half the families in the United States eat inadequate diets. Nutrition correction is important to your total health program. Fad diets to pick up energy have no place in fatigue management and may even be harmful.

There are many other physical reasons for fatigue, such as low blood pressure, chronic infection, and various pathological processes. The most important thing is to find the basic underlying cause of fatigue because it makes people unnecessarily uncomfortable, unhappy, and unproductive.

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The house on Massachusetts Avenue is home no longer to The Parent Connection, which has dissolved because of lack of funding. (Paul Drake photo)

Parent Connection forced to close doors

By CAROL BEGGY
Advocate Assistant Editor

After five years of helping parents and providing educational and support programs to area residents, The Parent Connection closes its doors this week.

"I do think we made a great contribution to the community and I think we'll be missed," said Karen Zweig, director The Parent Connection.

Founded in 1982, the non-profit organization provided a variety of services, including workshops, classes, support groups, counseling, family events, assistance in finding childcare and a workshop where parents could recycle clothing and toys on a consignment basis.

When it began five years ago, it was seen as an innovative idea. Today, similar programs have spread throughout the area.

"It is comforting to see other people and programs pick up some of the ideas and start programs similar to the ones we offered," said Zweig this week.

With hundreds of families using the programs annually and widespread support, it seemed unlikely The Parent Connection would stop growing.

But after months of deliberation, debating and delaying the closing, the board of directors found the organizations could not continue because of financial difficulties.

"More and more non-profit organizations have to walk a razor-thin edge... we didn't walk that edge close enough," said Jay Kaufman, president of the board of directors.

"It was just a very tight year," said Kaufman, whose wife was a frequent

participant in the organization's programs.

The organization generated more than 80 percent of its annual budget through its own programs and fundraisers. Other funds came from corporate and foundation support.

Government support was unavailable to the group, Zweig said, because most of its participants earned incomes above government poverty levels. Parents were in real need of the programs, she added, but were not poor enough to get governmental assistance.

Although The Parent Connection closed its doors at 290 Massachusetts Ave. on Tuesday, there was a good-bye party on Sunday where parents could meet with the paid staff and volunteer workers one last time.

In honor of the organization's work over the past five years, Gov. Michael Dukakis proclaimed Sunday "Parent Connection Day" in Massachusetts.

Kaufman said that, despite the organization's closing, it was a success.

"Five years ago, this was a very new approach to support for parents. Now, because of The Parent Connection, there are programs giving people needed help throughout the area," he said.

While packing boxes Monday and cleaning out the rest of five years' worth of work, Zweig was answering phone calls of parents who were looking for more information on The Parent Connection's programs.

About 80 percent of the parents participating in the programs were from Arlington, with the remainder of the coming from more than 45 Greater Boston communities, Zweig said.

Letters were sent out last month to many of the active parents, telling them the program would be closing its doors.

"It was a way of informing them, but also a way of getting some people to step forward," said Kaufman.

Although The Parent Connection's corporation will be dissolved in the next few months, some of the parents are looking to start a smaller parent

support group, Kaufman said.

"There is a need for parent support in Arlington," said Kaufman. "We would like to facilitate parent meetings."

"Our closing isn't due to lack of interest or lack of support," said Zweig. "We supported parents and they supported us as best they could. I think we made a difference."

NEWS NOTES

Social Security new address

Peter Neumann, manager of the Social Security office in Somerville at Davis Square, reports mail and letters should be sent to the new address: 240 Elm Street (Davis Square), Somerville, MA 02144.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number is 227-2400.

Seniors annual meeting Oct. 9

The Arlington Seniors Association at 27 Maple St. will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on Friday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. All members are invited to come in and vote for your favorite candidate. This is your senior center come in and enjoy our programs.

Bloodmobile at St. Eulalia's

On Monday, Oct. 5, a Red Cross Bloodmobile will take place at St. Eulalia's Church, 50 Ridge St., Winchester, from 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. Anyone over 17 years, in good health, and weighing at least 110 lbs. may donate blood. Walk-ins will be welcome.

Cusack Terrace holds fair

Cusack Terrace Association is to have a Christmas Fair on Nov. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 8 Summer St., Arlington.

There will be a bake table, knit-table, white elephant-table and chances on many articles. Come one, come all.

Beaudoin recalls encounter with the President

By DANA GARDNER
Advocate Editor

In just three days, Andrew Beaudoin met the President, spoke before 250 members of Congress, chatted with some of the country's wealthiest and most influential men and rode between the great halls of power in Washington, D.C. in a limousine.

"I'm still dropping out of cloud nine," the recent graduate of Arlington High School said Tuesday, less than a week after being chosen first runner-up in the national Youth of the Year contest by the Boys Clubs of America.

As Northeast regional youth of the year, Beaudoin, 18, won a \$2,000 scholarship. He's now attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Beaudoin, a longtime Arlington

Boys and Girls Club member and counselor, became one of five young adults in the country to vie for the national youth of the year title. An 18-year-old from Salem, Ore. won the distinction. Beaudoin came in second.

Reflecting on his experiences, Beaudoin sounded none too discouraged. He said after a grilling, 25-minute interview by officials that he felt good about his answers and would stand by them.

"As soon as I came out of my interviews, I said to myself that whatever the result I would not be angry, because I gave the answers I wanted," he said.

Still, he said, "I knew it was going to come down to us two," referring to the winner.

At a Congressional breakfast just

before the announcement of the winner, Beaudoin was stood up, more or less, by his Massachusetts Congressmen.

While each of the four other finalists were introduced to the crowd by their Congressmen, Beaudoin's representative, Joseph Kennedy III, could not make it. His uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy was busy with the nomination proceedings of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court, and Sen. John Kerry never responded to the request to be at the breakfast. Both Beaudoin, his father and other Arlington officials were disheartened. A Boys Club official was left to do the honors.

Nonetheless, Beaudoin said, he spent seven minutes with President Reagan in the Oval Office and exchanged words with the President

twice.

"I said how I really admired him and told him he was a great guy, and that I felt very safe with him in government," Beaudoin said. "He said, 'Well, thank you very much. I'm very proud to have you here,'" he recalled the President's words.

The Oval Office and Reagan's presence, he said, "gives off this incredible power... It was absolutely fabulous."

"He's so laid back, but he gives off such power," Beaudoin said. But he commented that the President didn't look very well, that he was wearing a lot of makeup and that he's really very hard of hearing.

Beaudoin said he became good friends with the other four contestants and plans to keep in touch with them.

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State to be asked to test soil at Rembrandt development

By CAROL BEGGY
Advocate Assistant Editor

The Arlington Conservation Commission is asking the state Department of Environment Quality Engineering to devise plans for dealing with contaminated soil at the old Cherny furniture store site.

The commission voted at a meeting last week to send a letter to the DEQE seeking advice on what precautions to take with potentially dangerous soil during development.

The site is scheduled for development of 45 units of luxury condominiums, with initial construction of a storm drainage system to begin as soon as building papers are in order.

The Conservation Commission has not given its approval for excavation of the site, which is now a vacant lot, pending acceptance of modified building plans and the DEQE's opinion

on what should be done about possibly hazardous soil.

Testing at the site by the geotechnical engineers hired by the developer, Rose-Mal Heritage Realty Trust, revealed the soil was contaminated and that the water on the site was found to have contaminants above the drinking water standard.

Because the town does not use well water, the contamination at the site of the proposed Rembrandt Condominiums was presented in recent hearings by representatives of the developers as negligible and not public health hazard.

But members of the commission have concerns over where the contaminated water on site will drain to, said Dorothy Maher, the commission's conservation administrator.

"After reviewing the site study and reviewing the state's regulations, the

commissioners decided it would be best to ask the DEQE for their opinion on what should be done at the site," said Maher.

"There was contamination found on the site and we're just asking what should be done about it," Maher said.

Commission Chairman Stephen Gilligan said the board's concerns are that contaminated groundwater will drain into Mill Brook, which borders the rear of the development.

Studies at the site showed that the contaminants are coming to the property from other areas, which could mean the groundwater could become surface water downstream and contaminate other waterways, said Gilligan.

"We'd like to prevent a major problem from happening. The drain can be built but dirt would have to stay on

site during its construction," said Gilligan.

"We will then wait for the state officials to determine what is best to do at the site. I think our asking the state's advice is a help to the developer. This way he won't get stuck down the road," Gilligan said.

According to state regulations, if groundwater at the site is found to be contaminating Mill Brook or if soil being trucked off site is found to contain hazardous material, all construction on the site would be stopped and the building possibly ordered razed.

Although there has been contaminated soil found at other development sites in town, commission members are concerned about the Rembrandt site because the developers have not yet submitted a disposal plan, said commission member Bruce Whittle.

The Arlington Conservation Commission has stopped the Rembrandt condominium project after the developer began construction without the approval of town authorities.

"At 4 p.m. Tuesday we ordered the project stopped after the developer began work on the storm drain without having the commission's approval," said Dorothy Maher, the commission's conservation administrator.

The commission hadn't allowed construction to begin Tuesday because they were waiting for submission of an off-site disposal plan and the town council's review of a performance bond, issued by a bonding company outside the United States.

"The site is a mess. We're absolutely stunned," said Maher. "They started this project with another enforcement order for their demolition work."

"There have been similar problems found at other sites," said Whittle. "But what bothers me is that the developer has so little concern for the potential problems. This could be nothing or it could be a problem later. I don't want to regret giving them a go ahead for the project."

"We're not saying it's a disastrous situation," said Maher. "We're just

asking a state agency that is trained to deal with this type of situation. I think it's better to deal with it now than wait until it's a problem."

Initial construction of the drain system will begin after Town Counsel John Maher completes his review of performance bonds and permits submitted by the developer.

Arlington Catholic has administration meeting

Arlington Catholic High School Board held its first meeting of the new academic year on Monday, Sept. 21. Members in attendance heard reports from the principal, Sister Catherine Clifford, C.S.J., veteran athletic director Daniel E. Shine and development director Kevin Kipp.

Not surprisingly, the most extensive report was Sister Catherine's. She is Arlington Catholic's fifth principal since it was established in 1960 and beginning her third year in that capacity.

Sister Cathy led off by announcing that the ACHS Annual Open House for eighth grade students and their parents will be held on the evening of Oct. 19. The event is growing in popularity as a proven means for young people to evaluate the high school's benefits. Elementary and junior high students will be afforded the opportunity to meet the faculty and administration, as well as tour the facilities.

Kipp described for board members the promise of and obstacles to the Arlington Catholic Alumni Association's efforts to organize its 3500 members. Citing results of a recent survey, he indicated that the alumni have an intense interest in hearing about their alma mater.

"I believe as human beings mature we discover that our high school years are among the most formative. That makes us want to hear about what's going on back there now... sort of like E.T. calling home," Kipp said. "But we've run into a roadblock. We have simply lost track of too many graduates."

Currently, Arlington Catholic High School mails a quarterly publication named Fidelitas to alumni. Kipp expects that of the 3500 copies that are posted, about 10% will be returned undeliverable and 40% will go to parents. Of those sent to parents, he estimated that barely half get to the alumni in time to take advantage of the events. "We are announcing an Alumni-Thanksgiving Weekend in the Fall issue. Many of our people will not hear a thing about it until they carve the turkey at Mom and Dad's," Kipp lamented.

Addressing pedagogic issues, Sister Cathy reported that faculty and students alike are adjusting to a new schedule that calls for classes to meet an extra day each week as compared to last year. "Perhaps it is a little more rigorous, but it is simply part of enhancing our students' academic foundations," commented Sister Cathy. "More than 90% of our graduates attend college and one message we keep hearing from alumni is, 'Thanks for challenging me.'"

Another improvement Sister was happy to report was the addition of Advanced Placement English to the curriculum.

Shine discussed the gymnasium's recent refurbishing, which includes 20 new banners commemorating state and league championships and individual athletic accomplishments such as the exclusive 1000 Point Club in basketball scoring. "We have almost a half dozen more banners to put up, once they're in from the manufacturer. And with 16 teams competing this year, I suspect we'll add to the total," Shine said.

Volunteers needed



Dorothea Ahern, longtime teacher in the Arlington School system, keeps busy volunteering in the Emergency Room at Symmes Hospital alongside her daughter, Marie Ahern, R.N. Marie has been with Symmes for 20 years, her mother, five years. More volunteers are urgently needed at the hospital. To find out about volunteer opportunities, call volunteer coordinator Eleanor Matthews at 646-1500, extension 1067.

Stiff sentences given insurance scam convicts

A 37-year-old Arlington man and his two brothers, all directors of a Somerville auto body company, were sentenced last week in Middlesex Superior Court for their part in a scheme to defraud a New Hampshire insurance company of nearly \$500,000.

The sentences ranged from a \$12,000 fine to 15 years in state prison.

Walter J. Tauro, of Cheswick Road, Arlington, and his brothers, William Tauro, 27, of Cambridge, and Edward Tauro, 44, of Burlington, were among 23 persons indicted for conspiracy in defrauding the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company of Keene, N.H. out of nearly \$500,000 between 1979 and 1985.

False insurance claims for amounts ranging from \$1,700 to \$35,000 were filed over the six-year period, said a spokeswoman for District Attorney Scott Harshbarger.

Walter Tauro was sentenced to serve five years at MCI Concord and a year in the house of correction. He also received a suspended 3- to 5-year term at MCI Cedar Junction in Walpole. He was also ordered to pay restitution of \$18,015.24 within the next two years.

William Tauro was ordered to serve five years in MCI Concord for each of three larceny charges to be served consecutively, for a total of 15 years. He was also given additional suspended sentences in MCI Concord and the house of correction.

William Tauro was also ordered to pay back \$54,472.73 within three years of sentencing.

Their brother, Edward Tauro, was ordered to pay the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company \$4,427 and was fined \$12,000. He was also given a suspended two-year sentence in the house of correction.

The family-owned business, Middlesex Auto Leasing, was also fined \$12,000, according to court records.

According to the district attorney's office, vehicles insured with National Grange would be reported to have been vandalized, stolen or damaged in collisions. False claims for payments to fix the cars would follow.

Drama troupe plans 'Brighton Beach'

"Brighton Beach Memoirs," the Arlington Friends of the Drama's 300th production, will be performed on Oct. 9-11 and 16-17. Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical look at family life in the midst of the Great Depression features Michael Patterson as Eugene (the Neil Simon character) along with Lis Adams as Blanche, Lila Stomer as Kate, Christy Van Aiken as Laurie, Frances Anderson as Nora, Tony Butler as Stanley and Ron Brinn as Jack.

The play examines the humorous aspects of family life as well as the

hopes and fears of individuals struggling with the economic uncertainties of the Depression and with the looming dangers of another world war.

Denis Fitzpatrick directs and Maria Lavieri is production manager. Crew chiefs for the Friends first production of the season include: set designer Brien Higgins; set technician Bill Mahoney; stage manager Lori Baruch; assistant stage manager Karen Schleicher; sound, Ken Crouch; lighting, Paul Farwell; costumes, John Murtagh; make-up, Don Hutcheson; properties, Chris

Crouch and Mimi Arana; and publicity, Phyllis Uloth.

The Friends plan a special celebration for this production and have been cited by the Town of Arlington, Board of Selectman with a special citation for being in continuous operation for 64 years and celebrating their 300th production.

Ticket information is available by calling the Friends Information Line at 646-5922 and receiving a recorded message.

William Nickerson, 47, of Burlington, a former assistant claims manager with National Grange, would then arrange for payment on the claim to the insured person or Pat's Auto Body Inc. for the cost of allegedly repairing the vehicle.

Former MDC patrolman Anthony C. Barbaro, 51, of Winchester, who as an officer helped in the scheme, was sentenced to two years and two months in the house of correction and ordered to pay the insurance company \$22,891 in restitution.

The arrests, indictments and sentencing of the 23 persons were the result of a 13-month investigation by the district attorney's Public Protection Bureau.

Others involved in the alleged insurance fraud scam are awaiting sentencing in Middlesex Superior Court.



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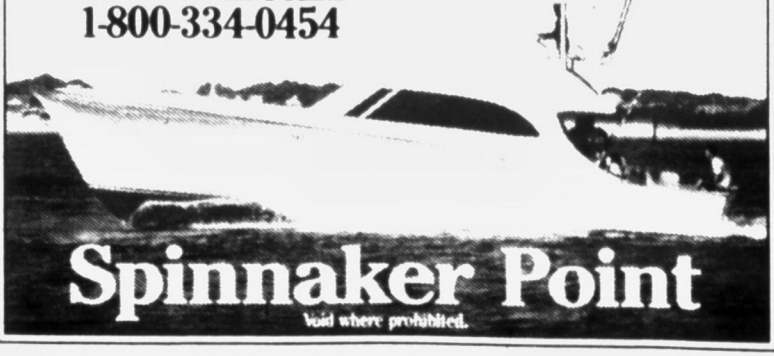
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MWRA frees funds to plug local leaks

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Executive Director Paul F. Levy recently announced a new \$2.1 million program to help 42 communities find leaks in their water systems. Under this program the MWRA will conduct leak detection surveys on nearly 6,000 miles of municipal water pipes.

The new leak detection program is aimed at saving an estimated 25 million gallons of water lost each day in municipal water systems and is an integral part of a \$33 million water conservation program now being implemented by MWRA. It is also the first time a state agency has conducted a leak detection survey directly within communities.

"This program will help communities reduce their water costs by reducing waste," said Levy. "We will help the cities and towns find the leaks costing their ratepayers money." Details of the program are being mailed to communities.

Under this program, the cities and towns will be responsible for repairing the leaks. However, Levy said, cities and towns repairing water leaks usually recover the full cost of the repairs in one year through decreased water usage, savings that permanently accrue thereafter.

"This kind of cooperative effort is essential to a strong water conservation program," noted MWRA Chairman James S. Hoyte.

"The MWRA Board strongly supports this effort and included it as an essential part of our long range water supply program. Many communities have already reduced water leakage and other unaccounted for water," he noted, "but much needs to be done."

Hoyte added that MWRA has recently hired an additional 8 employees to detect and repair leaks within its own 270 miles of water distribution pipes.



Beth Imhoff and Chris O'Neill stand by the fresh produce at the Arlington Food Coop on Mystic Street. (Paul Drake photo)

Arlington Food Coop enjoys fresh success selling quality groceries

By PATRICIA HORN
Special to the Advocate

Are you tired of how impersonal your local supermarket is? Are you worried about the pesticides and preservatives hiding in your tomatoes and brussel sprouts? If so, you may be the perfect customer for the Arlington Food Coop — a refreshing, friendly natural grocery store.

The Coop is in the basement next door to the Regent Theater on Medford Street, the former bowling alley. The store has no glitz, no music, and no splashy ads. Instead wood floors (you can still see the bowling lanes), an old piano, bulletin boards for announcements, notebooks for messages to other Coop shoppers, and a friendly staff set the mood. Natural and organic foods — produce, flour, dairy products, chicken and fish — and most other items you look for in a commercial supermarket are for sale.

What makes the Coop different, says general manager Beth Imhoff, is its "community feeling. I know everyone by their first name. We have social gatherings. There's a place for children to play. Children have their own shopping carts. We have a lot more personal services (than other supermarkets)."

The Coop is one of the new wave coops that opened in the 1970s, as are Boston and Cambridge stores. Four Arlington families began it 11 years ago when they decided to buy

wholesome food at bulk prices for themselves. The word of their food purchases spread and more people joined. Until three years ago, only members who bought equity could buy food. Now any shopper is welcome.

A cooperative is member-owned and every member owns an equal share. To become a member of the Coop, one pays \$25 for equity (one share). This equals one vote. Members elect the board of trustees who decide policy and budgets. You also pay \$7.50 annual dues. The benefits of membership include a 3 percent discount off all purchases, this increases to 12 percent if you work 2½ hours per month, a monthly newsletter, and invitations to social events.

The Coop has 40-50 working and 500 regular members. Membership has run as high as 800 and as low as 300. Since non-members began shopping there three years ago, their percentage of sales has increased by 33 percent. Approximately 600 people shop at the Coop per week.

If your taste buds crave Doritos, Twinkies, Wonder Bread, and red meat, the Coop is not for you. The criteria for choosing food, according to Imhoff, is that it is natural or organic. Natural foods may have chemicals if commercial food (such as grains) were used in preparing it, but they have no preservatives. Organic foods have no chemicals,

preservatives, or pesticides, explained Imhoff.

The Coop also looks for honey vs. sugar sweeteners, and low fat, low salt foods. "But, if we receive three customer requests for something else, we buy it. Members may special order foods," said Imhoff. That's why you find Cheerios among the natural cereals and chocolate candy bars.

The produce and bulk items such as oils, pastas, granolas, and butters are great deals at the coops compared to prices at other grocery stores. Dairy products, paper goods, chicken and fish and canned items run a little more expensive.

"Coops are not for cheap food. They are for good quality food," said Imhoff. "We are not investment oriented. Our surplus goes right back into the store. No one makes a lot of money here."

One of the main attractions of shopping at the Coop is the homey feeling — it helps you forget the usual headaches associated with food shopping. But, the Coop is still a business. "We need to run this as a business as much as we can but keep it a coop as much as we can. We need to survive in a capitalist world," explained Imhoff.

The Coop's main competition comes from Bread and Circus. Local supermarkets are some competition but they haven't marketed their natural and organic produce well, said Imhoff.

Merit Scholar semi-finalists named

Five members of the Arlington High School senior class are among the 15,000 semi-finalists nationwide in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students will have an opportunity to continue in the 1988 competition for about 6,000 scholarships worth more than \$23 million.

The Arlington students who were chosen are: Freeland K. Abbott, Erik J. Bailey, Diane M. Deveau, Tim Olevisky and Charles E. Vellenga.

The five were chosen for their

academic excellence and performing in the top percent of students taking a qualifying test.

More than 1 million students in about 19,000 secondary schools across the country entered the current merit program by taking the qualifying test, the PSAT/NMSQT, in 1986.

The top scorers in every state, representing about half of one percent of the state's high school graduating class, are included in the nation-wide semifinalist pool.

Students must also be fully recommended by their schools, take the SAT to confirm their test performance and submit information about their school and community activities, personal interests and goals.

About 13,500 or 90 percent of the semi-finalists are expected to advance to finalist standing to compete for the merit scholarships in 1988. About 44 percent of the finalists will receive scholarships.

Child's shoe found at Town Day

A left-foot, Reebok athletic shoe, child's size 4, was found in front of town hall on Town Day.

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St. Jerome's blood drive is cancelled

A blood drive scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3, has been cancelled because the sponsors could not guarantee Massachusetts General Hospital they would collect 25 pints of blood, according to sponsors.

The blood bank drive had been organized by the Arlington Sons of Italy, the Irish American Club of Arlington and St. Jerome's Church.

The BloodMobile was to be stationed in the parking lot at St. Jerome's Church, but the drive was cancelled after the groups could not guarantee the amount of blood that would be collected.

Red Cross sets blood drive

The American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay, Cambridge Region is sponsoring a community blood drive at the Arlington Town Hall on Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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treatments, there is a continuous need for blood and blood products. In spite of intensive research efforts, there is no substitute for human blood.

The Cambridge Region, serving Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville, and Watertown, assists through blood drives and bloodmobiles in collecting blood from healthy voluntary donors. The mission of the Red Cross is to provide an adequate supply of healthy blood and blood products to consistently meet the community's needs.

All healthy individuals who are at least 18 (17 with parental consent) and weigh over 110 pounds are welcome to donate. If you are interested in donating blood or have further questions please call 354-7800.

Telethon begins

Health care for people in need will receive a lift from the first annual Telethon for the Free Care Fund of Visiting Nurse and Community Health, Inc., 87 Pleasant St., to be held during the week of Sept. 28. We will be calling Arlington residents for pledges daily from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Community support is critical at this time as more and more people depend on the Free Care Fund for needed care when their Medicare and other insurances run out. Younger people sometimes are caught with inadequate or, at times, no health insurance.

Arlington Telethon patrons include: William F. Flynn, Jr., M.D.; Attorney Richard Keshian; Attorney Francis T. Reynolds; Senator

Richard Kraus; Dorothea W. Stein, Realtor; Catherine McCabe, R.N., and Harry P. McCabe, Chairman, Arlington Council on Aging.

All Arlington residents are invited to support this visiting nurse Free Care fundraiser.

Telethon goal is \$10,000. Two thousand dollars has already been pledged, including a gift from the Coolidge Bank and Trust of Arlington for \$100, and a matching gift pledge from the Stop and Shop will match up to \$1,000 in Arlington contributions.

The Sept. 28 Telethon concludes the non-profit agency's first fund raising campaign which began last November.

Arts Council seeks member

The Arlington Arts Council is seeking an individual to fill a voting membership vacancy which includes secretarial responsibilities. A potential member should have interest in the arts and humanities. Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a two-year term. Meetings of the Arts Council are generally held monthly on Monday evenings at 7:30 in the Community Safety Building on Mystic Street in Arlington.

In addition to the decision-making process involved in the disbursement of Massachusetts Arts Lottery funds to individual artists and/or arts groups which propose arts projects, the Arts Council also sponsors projects which benefit the entire community.

Individuals interested in this membership position should contact David Ardito, chairman, or come to the next Arts Council meeting.

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POLICE LOG

Arrests

A 25-year-old Rawson Road man was arrested on Sept. 21 after he was found to be using a 1966 Ford Mustang that had been reported stolen from a driveway in Cambridge earlier this month.

The man was arrested at 25 Massachusetts Ave. and was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property.

On Sept. 22 at about 1:30 a.m., a Norwood man was arrested after a police officer noticed his tail lights

were not working and he was driving erratically.

The 32-year-old man was pulled over at the corner of Brattle and Laurel streets and charged with driving while intoxicated and was given a citation for operating a car with faulty tail lights.

Also on Sept. 22, a 44-year-old Stowcraft Road man was arrested at 7:45 p.m. at his home for violation of probation.

On Sept. 24, a Somerville man was arrested by Cambridge Police after a

background check found him to be wanted by Arlington Police for outstanding warrants.

The man was turned over to Arlington Police on the outstanding warrants, which are for assault by means of a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and breaking and entering in the nighttime. The charges were filed in 1986.

A 28-year-old Somerville man was arrested on Sept. 24 at the corner of Warren and Franklin streets on outstanding State Police warrants after being stopped for a traffic violation.

On Sept. 25, shortly after 9 p.m., a 14-year-old Stevens Terrace boy was arrested at Broadway Plaza and charged with possession of alcohol and public drinking.

A short time later, a 17-year-old Newcomb Street youth was arrested behind 424 Massachusetts Ave. and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol.

A 17-year-old Cambridge man was arrested on Sept. 25 at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Boulevard Road after being pulled over for having faulty tail lights. The officer found the youth did not have a driver's license.

Also on Sept. 25, shortly after 9 p.m., a 21-year-old Somerville man and a 16-year-old Stone Road youth were arrested at Spy Pond Field and charged with for public drinking and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

On Sept. 26, at 11:15 a.m. a 38-year-old Peabody man was arrested in front of 38 Berkley St. after allegedly threatening another man with a knife during an argument.

The man was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. No one was injured. The man

he threatened was apparently an acquaintance and lived in the area.

Larcenies

On Sept. 23 at about noon, a For-dham Street woman reported that a Sears AM/FM radio and cassette radio worth approximately \$140 had been taken from her 1978 Dodge while it was parked near her home.

A Water Street woman reported on Sept. 26 that two tool boxes valued at \$350 had been taken sometime during the day from an unlocked basement storage area.

Break-ins

On Sept. 21 an employee of the Capone Construction Company of Dedham reported that a construction trailer parked at the corner on Lake Street had been broken into through a window and a calculator, typewriter and fire extinguisher were missing. The missing items were valued at \$550.

On Sept. 26, a Ashland Street man reported that sometime during the day an unknown person had gained entrance to the home through a cellar window and took a Motorola VCR worth about \$300.

Vandalism

Mirak automobile dealership at 1165 Massachusetts Ave., reported on Sept. 24 that a windshield had been smashed on a 1988 Chevrolet parked on the lot.

On Sept. 24, a Paul Revere Road woman told police someone had dented

her 1981 AMC sometime around 7 p.m. A Webster Avenue woman reported the side mirror on her 1986 Mazda had been broken on Sept. 25.

On Sept. 25, a Hemlock Street man reported the window of his 1984 Dodge pickup had been smashed by a bottle while the vehicle was parked in his driveway.

Later that night, a 1975 Fiat owned by a Mystic Street woman was found tipped over at the corner of Ridge Street and Stowcraft Road.

Also on Sept. 25, a Wollaston Avenue man reported that the left side window of his car had been smashed in at about 7 p.m.

On Sept. 27, an Appleton Street woman told police that sometime during the night a 2½-foot by 4-foot window in the front of her home had been shattered by a BB shot.

A short time later that same day, an Oakland Avenue woman reported two 30-inch by 30-inch front porch windows had been damaged by a BB shot.

Miscellaneous

A Margaret Street man reported he was bitten by a dog while walking near 34 Dudley St. on Sept. 22. He was not seriously injured.

A 20-year-old Thorndike Street man

lost control of his car shortly after 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 22 and hit a tree at the corner of Margaret and Edith streets.

On Sept. 24, police received a report of a man exposing himself near the Dallen Library at about 1 p.m.

At about 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 24, a Medford man was taken to Symmes Hospital and treated for minor injuries he received while riding a bicycle and following an accident at Massachusetts Avenue and Teele Street involving a Pontiac driven by a Lexington woman and a Toyota driven by a Cambridge woman.

On Sept. 26, police received reports of youths breaking the fence at 31 Gray St.

Early on Sept. 27, a Waverly Street man reported he was assaulted at a house party on Morningside Drive by a person he knew. He told police he was considered pressing civil charges.

Shortly after 1 a.m. on Sept. 27, a Pheasant Avenue man alleged he was hit by bottles thrown by four unknown males in a passing car near Summer and Ryder streets. The man received a cut to his arm and was treated at Symmes Hospital. His 1987 pickup truck was also damaged.

Also on Sept. 27, a 1984 Buick driven by a Somerville woman had to be towed after she hit a pothole near 181 Lake Street. Lake Street is being resurfaced.

MASSPIRG conveys need for cleaner environment

The best way to prevent pollution is to reduce the use of toxic chemicals in the first place — this was the message conveyed by 400 Arlington residents to Sen. Dick Kraus on Sept. 15.

Meeting with Sen. Kraus at his State House office, a delegation of concerned citizens presented him with a large book containing 400 Clean S.T.A.M.P.s signed by Arlington residents. Clean S.T.A.M.P.s (Substitute for Toxics to Avoid More Pollution) are post-card sized statements asking Kraus to continue to be an advocate for the MASSPIRG supported Toxics Use Reduction Act for 1988. In the current year, Kraus has been a supporter of a similar bill.

Arlington resident John Green said, "Fewer toxics means less toxic waste. Toxics use reduction makes sense as the most effective way to protect the environment and public health while removing the need for costly pollution control and hazardous waste disposal."

At the meeting, Kraus responded

to the 400 Clean S.T.A.M.P.s by agreeing to continue to co-sponsor the bill. Green said that Kraus's role at the forefront of this critical piece of environmental legislation would certainly contribute to a successful legislative campaign.

Toxics Use Reduction is a set of strategies that businesses can employ to reduce or eliminate hazardous materials in their production process. These changes include replacing toxic substances with non-toxic ones, reusing and recycling chemicals that would otherwise have been discharged as hazardous waste, redesigning production to eliminate or recycle toxics, and reducing waste by increasing production efficiency.

The Clean S.T.A.M.P. Campaign is a project of the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG), a non-profit, non-partisan organization which advocates on environmental and consumer issues. For more information, call MASSPIRG's Public Interest Lobby at 292-4805.

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QUEST COLUMN

Helga paintings draw intensifying interest

By ELMA CHICKERING

Until now, the vagaries of the art world have been pretty far removed from my ken. Oh, I went to the Renoir and other touted exhibits, dutifully trotted around galleries and museums in other cities when visiting there and tried to keep up with the local specials — mostly at the behest of my artist son, who tried, usually in vain, to explain the niceties of media used, invisible brushwork and subtle symbolism before me. I refrained, with some effort, from mouthing the old cliché, "I don't know anything about art, but I know what I like."

But seeing Helga on the cover of Time magazine last year and reading the story of her 15 secret years as a model for artist Andrew Wyeth has changed my indifference to piqued interest. She is now right up there on the Time cover list with Madonna, Prince, Rambo and assorted political greats — and for doing what — being painted by and inspiring a famous artist. Now those pictures, the Helga show, are in Boston for all to see.

Most of us labor under the delusion that modeling is synonymous with glamour and youth unless, of course, you are old enough to have an "interesting face full of character," yet Helga fell into neither category.

If biographical details are accurate, she was at least 40 when some of the more erotic poses were assumed and considering that she is the mother of four children, one can only compliment her and/or artist Wyeth on her youthful figure — or is there a little artistic license here?

When I see Helga sitting on a stool beside an uncurtained, open window, reclining in front of another window or looking out at a snowscape through still another window, I wonder if the artist isn't as interested in window detail as in the figure in the foreground — or am I being naive? If there is a Fenestration School of Art, this is it. In these photographically accurate studies of light and shade, the windows receive as much attention as the model — nude or not.

Did Wyeth's art teacher, if he had one besides his famous father, ever admonish him, "Every time you pick up your paint brush, say to yourself, 'I am not a camera'" or is that an outmoded concept of the artist's role — and did he heed this advice? My guess is negative.

Descending to the mundane consideration, I note that nothing is ever said about remuneration. Was Helga paid for her long hours of modeling for many years? And how and where

did she find the time? Harried mothers who must work, play mother and wife roles and hope for some fun along the way can take a page from Helga's book — if she would write one. How could she bring up four children, keep house, spend hours modeling and hold down a job as a cook-housekeeper for Wyeth's sister, Carolyn, and keep out of sight while posing for over 200 pictures during a 15-year period? It staggers the imagination. Maybe she just liked to "get away from it all" and have time to think.

Having had my portrait painted by my artist son some years ago, I can vouch for the fact that models do have time to think. There's nothing else to do. In fact, I found the whole posing action, or inaction, an exercise in frustration mostly because I had to remove my glasses. Seeing he world in a blur is a drag. Maybe Helga didn't have that problem; maybe she just liked having a quiet time to plan tomorrow's menu, consider the children's problems or mentally juggle the budget.

In view of the price Helga's portraits have brought, Wyeth can afford to pay her well, at least well enough so she could give up her job as a cook-housekeeper for Carolyn Wyeth. As a kind of sub-plot, it's interesting to read that Mrs. Betsy Wyeth never visits her sister-in-law, Carolyn, nor has she ever seen Helga, though both families have homes in Maine and Pennsylvania as neighbors.

There is enough material here for a juicy novel! Just sticking to the facts, the inquiring writer could probe, or attempt to probe, into the titillating family details.

Personal and criss-cross lives aside, Wyeth has achieved fame with his near-photographic perfection augmented by, as his wife says, "Love." (Interpretation up to the viewer.)

I applaud Helga, the unlikeliest of models, for the beauty she and the artist have brought out into the open after years of productive secrecy — despite many unanswered questions.

Art lovers are a flexible bunch. They can swoon over this new batch of Wyeths or rave over a far-out Picasso — and laud the in-between stuff, too. Artists' fame and money can be achieved via many routes. Now if we only knew which ones were a sure thing....

I wonder how Helga likes being a cover girl? When I muse about it, I think I'd like to be one, too, but not if it would take 15 years to do it and wreck my privacy into the bargain. What price fame?

Letters to The Editor are welcome on matters of interest to local readers. Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. on Monday. Letters should be

typed, limited to 250 words and sent to 5 Water St. Names will be withheld upon request. Anonymous letters will not be published.

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Affordable Housing Task Force and Housing Corporation of Arlington, 7 p.m., third floor conference room, town hall

Wednesday, Oct. 7:

Selectmen, 7:15 p.m., selectmen's board room, second floor, town hall
Task Force on Town Meeting, 8 a.m., hearing room, second floor, town hall

Thursday, Oct. 8:

Conservation Commission, 8 p.m., planning department, town hall annex

Tuesday, Oct. 13:

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:45 p.m., hearing room, second floor, town hall
Park and Recreation, 7:30 p.m., recreation office, Sports Center, 422 Summer St.

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Images from our past



The view from Arlington center to Spy Pond in this early 20th century photo shows the Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank at Pleasant Street and Massachusetts Avenue. (Courtesy Arlington Historical Society)

YEARS PAST IN ARLINGTON

Ten Years Ago

The architectural plans for the steeple and sanctuary of the First Parish meeting house in Arlington Center were completed and the public was invited to view the blue prints.

Seven new bays were under construction at the maintenance and repair building at the Town Yard. The town received \$1.4 million in federal funds for the public works project. A new garage, salt storage shed, and a dog pound were constructed.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Lynne Shilosky from Stratton School was one of 14 finalists for the Jordan Marsh company's annual Jody Jordan Fashion Board. She met monthly to model in Jody Jordan 712 Club Fashion shows and tour historic points in and around Boston.

The unerring eye of a high-speed electronic computer was brought in to keep track of Massachusetts' 2.5 million registered vehicles, the registry announced.

Fifty Years Ago

Walter T. Chamberlain of Jason Street announced his election as president of the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank League, which concluded its 49th annual convention at the New Ocean House in Swampscott.

BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

Massachusetts Senate
September 21-25, 1987

The Senate. "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of September 21-25.

Coke Sign (H 1979). Senate, 34-0, reconsidered its earlier approval of a bill declaring the Coca-Cola sign, which used to stand in Boston along the bottling plant on Soldier's Field Road, a landmark sign of historic and

artistic significance. The bill would allow the sign to be re-erected along the Charles River.

Bill supporters said the sign is a city landmark and should be restored for historic purposes.

Opponents said it would have an adverse environmental impact and result in the state losing federal funds. They said residents are opposed to it and claimed it would simply be free advertising for the Coca-Cola company.

A Yea vote is for reconsidering approval of the bill. A Nay vote is for the bill.

Senator Richard Kraus voted yes. Legislative Rules (S 2022). Senate 32-2, adopted several amendments to the joint House-Senate rules. Provisions include designating one day a week from January through April for formal sessions and prohibiting public hearings from conflicting with these sessions; ending election year sessions by November 1 and other

sessions by the end of November; and allowing legislation which has received near final approval in both branches at the end of a first annual session to be carried over with the same status into the second session.

Supporters said these reforms will open up the Senate and make it more efficient and democratic.

Opponents said the reforms do not go far enough.

A Yea vote is for the package. Kraus voted yes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blasts return of town siren

TO THE EDITOR:

Stop the noise! I don't care whether it's a siren or a horn or if it is the oldest object in the world; it makes an awful noise and has to stop. If a truck driver pulled up outside Bob Casey's (director of Fire Services) house and blew a few blasts on his truck horn while Casey was asleep, Casey would have the police there in a flash — the charge disturbing the peace. Yet he gets away with waking me up because his horn is big and old.

What are Don Marquis (town manager) and Casey waiting for — an armed rebellion? If the horn annoys even one citizen (and it does), it should stop. And how can they justify torturing those townspeople in the town center who get an incredible blast? So it was a tradition, the quiet of these last few months has made me realize just how bad a tradition it was.

Lawrence S. Smith

I was surprised that the Advocate's survey indicated that so many people don't even know what's happening with this issue; that's amazing. We'd all better pay attention. Is Arlington going to give some land to any of the small businesses? Oh, yes, how about some of the residents — if we're all paying the same tax rate, shouldn't we get some kind of break too: there are some residents in East Arlington who could use at least half an acre!

This is an important issue in the town, enough so that the Advocate conducted a survey regarding this matter and ran it on page one, next to the article about Arlington "pride day," how ironic. We're having pride day and so many people aren't even aware of what's happening in their town. This is our town, everyone must take an interest and care, if we don't, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Josephine

the School Committee votes on the land to be used for a swimming pool? The taxpayers and residents of Arlington should be given an opportunity to express their views on this entire proposal.

The residents of Highland Avenue, Jason Street, and Gray Street should be informed about the traffic survey, stating that those streets will be heavily affected.

Hopefully, the task force will consider this suggestion favorably and allow the residents of Arlington to express their opinions concerning a Super Stop & Shop.

Nancy Higgins
Town meeting member
Precinct 10

Past masters thanked for compassion

TO THE EDITOR:

My family and I wish to publicly thank the Past Masters of Russell Lodge, AF & AM for their donation to the AIDS Action Committee in memory of our loving son Mark Theodore Tsakiris. Their compassion and brotherly love, along with that of our family and friends, will long be remembered.

Theodore Tsakiris
Secretary Emeritus

Loyalty to parish expressed

TO THE EDITOR:

In St. James Parish there is peace and loyalty among those of us who respect and are guided by our beloved Father Daly.

His dignified presence and priestly attitude means so much to us.

To those who have chosen the "Exodus," I personally hope you will find in other parishes what you are seeking.

Peace be to you!
Margaret R. Greeley

Opposes Bork nomination

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to offer another view concerning the confirmation of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.

I am seriously concerned about Bork's confirmation. I blatantly oppose it! If Bork is confirmed he could reverse years of social justice.

In my opinion I feel that neither Bork nor the government has the right to intrude on personal matters such as abortion or birth control. He has never been in the position, and is not a woman, so he has no right to even comment, never mind intervene, in such matters. We don't need someone in the Supreme Court to ram his values down our throats.

Bork is blind if he thinks anything good will come out of reversing the Roe vs. Wade decision. Women will still seek abortions, it's just a matter of where they'll get them from. In the

old days many women were seriously injured and even died from abortions from unqualified so-called doctors.

Bork is not for the people! He is for a select number of people who need to open their eyes and realize things have to change, and you can't make up people's minds for them, that's communism. Another group that will suffer is minorities. I believe people of all race and creed are created equal.

For the sake of Human rights, I pray Bork is not confirmed.

Name withheld

Freeloading must stop

TO THE EDITOR:

Arlington is my home and I am proud of it. Being a resident and land owner, I am reasonably pleased with town government and the way the town, in general, is run.

I am happy about being so close to Boston and its store, restaurants, theaters and sights. I can also enjoy Arlington's history, charm, green grass, and trees. My son takes advantage of many town-sponsored programs and my wife can shop locally with ease. The school system is good and a walk through Menotomy Rocks Park is a vacation in itself.

I could go on and on but let me get to the point. One of the biggest reasons that I live in Arlington is that I can not afford to live in Belmont. Over the last few months, there has been a lot of talk about how Arlington housing has become so expensive. It is true. I have no problem with that. Why should anyone else? As I previously mentioned, I could not afford Belmont, so I moved to a place that I could afford. If someone can not afford to live in Arlington — let them move on too!

I am a blue collar worker. I don't make a great deal of money but I take advantage of opportunities that might come my way and I work hard to get and keep what I have.

Why should anyone be offered housing of any kind in Arlington at Bargain Basement prices when everybody else had to work hard to pay the going rate? The freeloading and do-gooding has got to stop. I can't afford a Cadillac so I drive a Chevy, and I've been driving the same one for nine years. Get my drift?

Now while we're on the subject of Arlington land and how much it's worth, how about this Stop & Shop deal? They say that if they can acquire the land, they will give the town a pool. I say B.S.!

If I can acquire the land I will give the town two pools! That is because I think I have a more realistic idea of what the land is really worth. If the Stop & Shop wants the land and their development of the land will not hurt the town, I say let them have it for one percent of their gross sales per year in addition to taxes, of course.

I have nothing against big business being big, but in this case, especially where land in Arlington is so scarce and expensive, I think they can afford to share the wealth!

Greg Orr

Defends executive sessions

TO THE EDITOR:

As a member of the Stop and Shop Task Force, I am concerned that your description of our recent executive session as a "secret meeting" held "behind closed doors" may leave readers with a mistaken impression.

The task force must occasionally meet in private executive sessions to discuss material that cannot be made public at that time. This is a standard and regulated practice in any governmental body. It is necessary whenever sensitive financial discussions take place that could compromise one's future negotiating position.

The task force will soon complete its work and make public its findings. We have worked very hard to understand the complexities of this issue so that residents, town boards, and town meeting members will be able to make informed and knowledge-based decisions.

I invite all interested Arlingtonians to attend our regular meetings or the upcoming public informational sessions and to take an active role in the spirited public debate this issue deserves.

Steven Moss

Stop & Shop meetings inconvenient

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for your article about the Super Stop and Shop proposal. I am concerned about the hearings being held at 5 p.m. when many residents are unable to attend.

Why can't a public hearing be held in the evening in the Town Hall before

the new renaissance breathes life into new writing



Louise Reynolds (Paul Drake photo)

Arlington editor bucks trends to provide outlet for writers

By ANNE-MARIE SELTZER
Special to the Advocate

As founder and editor of the literary magazine the new renaissance (tnr), Louise Reynolds continually deals with obstacles that would have been the demise of a less dedicated journalist. One of Arlington's best kept secrets, tnr is an award-winning publication with a national and international focus. Published biannually since 1968 by Reynolds and her eight volunteer assistants, tnr is a magazine for people who are serious about literature. Reynolds, who is also a full-time legal secretary in a top Boston law firm, recently discussed tnr during an interview in her Arlington home.

The premise for tnr grew out of her own experiences creating quality non-commercial fiction, pieces that emphasize character, situation, and ambience rather than plot. "I don't think you're drawn to fields such as writing, editing, acting, and painting. The field picks you," she said. "People who have an aesthetic sensibility can either be art lovers and appreciators or creators. It depends on your vision, emotion, and personal experience."

"Before tnr, I was submitting works to small, independent literary magazines and had received some acceptances. Unfortunately they went out of business before my stories were published." According to Reynolds, the life of most literary magazines tend to be about three to five years, due to financial difficulties and general disinterest on the part of most people. She said, "Few people are interested in serious literature anymore because in this country, non-fiction is considered more important. Literacy isn't encouraged the way it is in Europe. As a daily commuter on the MBTA, I see women reading alot of romance literature and men, adventure pieces, but little else."

Reynolds believes that we hurt ourselves by not reading serious literature. "You lose the enrichment that you get by entering another person's sensibilities. Imagination is stunted as well. So much of today's literature is meant to help people get through the day. It doesn't enrich their lives or reveal things about the human condition. The nuances of life are overlooked because everything is seen as only black or white," she explained.

While Reynolds was doing graduate work at Columbia University, she and a professor, Sylvia Shirley, discussed what was missing from the literary market: a magazine that was a good forum for fiction that was non-commercial, yet not mainstream. "Undertaking a project of that kind needed commitment and we felt we had it. When Sylvia died suddenly, I spent the next year

deciding whether or not to go on," said Reynolds.

The title tnr comes from the concept of the Renaissance person, an individual who is interested in all aspects of human existence. "In that sense, tnr breaks with the traditional literary magazine with its poetry, fiction, criticism, and letters. We wanted our fiction to be in a setting with lead articles. For instance, tnr-1 featured a major story on Black power and anti-Semitism. The current issue (-21) deals with toxic pollution in the United States, naming names and places, and offering solutions. We don't take a stand on any lead article and I often publish pieces that I personally disagree with; however, they're stimulating, provocative, and informative."

"We also wanted to introduce world literature, bilingual poems printed in both languages. Anyone can submit pieces because we're not overly concerned with trends and fashions of a particular decade. We have always taken works that are good on their own merits. Whether it was part of a literary mainstream wasn't the key consideration."

Published twice a year by The Friends of tnr, each issue presents fiction, which is chosen first; poetry; artwork (approximately 16 pages printed on dull glossy paper to highlight the work); an introduction to the artwork (four pages); a lead article; and essays. Most manuscripts for the latter two categories are solicited. Reynolds said, "One of our strengths is our fiction, which earned a General Electric Foundation Award last year. Many entries are off-beat and we don't espouse one particular school of fiction or poetry."

"Our approach to the visual arts also makes us different. We give special attention to the artist, including an introduction explaining what the artist is doing and how to look at a painting or sculpture."

Currently, tnr has 500 individual subscribers and 130 library subscriptions. Single issues are mailed to Sweden, Norway, Canada, and Italy. Within the U.S., the top three subscription areas are New York state, Massachusetts, and California. Over the past four years, increased subscriptions have come from the Greater Chicago area and Florida. The Minneapolis and Philadelphia areas also generate some subscriptions.

Locally, the publication is sold at Reading International in Harvard

Square, and the Boston University Bookstore. "We only print 1,500 copies of each issue because the costs are so expensive. The last issue was 144 pages, a contrast to the first issue, which was 56 pages. A distributor requires 500 copies and a cut of 50 percent. We don't have that kind of funding so we can't print in large quantities to reduce the cost."

Reynolds admits that funding is her major problem. "We get grants, but not often enough. Our monies come from subscriptions, individual sales, private donations, and grants when we can get them. Recently, we organized a fundraising effort among subscribers and that was successful." Reynolds also makes large donations herself, and admits that "I've had to make many personal sacrifices to keep tnr going."

Reynolds also admits that there is a lack of support within the Arlington community for tnr. "I've never gotten a grant from the Arlington Arts Lottery Council," she said. "They tell me I would get one if I could devote a whole issue to Arlington. That's an impossible request, considering our focus."

"It would also be nice for one of the town libraries to subscribe to tnr to help residents know what is coming out of their town. Several years ago, the Massachusetts Council for the Arts and Humanities did fund a subscription for the Robbins Library and the issue was on loan every week."

Beside working full-time for a Boston law firm, Reynolds spends about 12 hours per week on tnr. "The editing work is very heavy for me. There's also constant involvement with submissions and marketing," she said.

Reynolds is the last person to see a manuscript. She admits that she is hard on writers, especially ones that show promise. "I want them to be as good as they can be. I'm not a perfectionist, but I wouldn't feel comfortable publishing a story that was only 80 percent good. It doesn't have to be 100 percent, but it should be close. I do get impatient with the sloppiness that passes for writing nowadays," she said.

Reynolds encourages writers to be readers of good fiction, and not just contemporary authors. She suggested, "Read the classics and see why they've held up, see what makes a good story universal. Then pick and choose what matters and put it in your own story. Above all, believe in yourself and be persistent."

Through tnr, Reynolds has launched several careers: Tambuzzi, the prison poet, in 1976; Skip Rosen, a non-fiction author; Michael Fideo, a fiction and non-fiction writer; and Madeline Costigan, a short story

writer who has since published stories in McCall's, Ladies Home Journal, and Redbook.

"Many of our issues are so dissimilar that you'd think they came from a different parent. We take risks, we are unpredictable and I think we should be. When I start losing the excitement that comes with doing tnr, then it will be time to quit, but only then," Reynolds said.

Over the past year, Reynolds has won three awards. The Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities cited tnr as a Leader for consistent excellence. Last fall, the magazine received a Coordinating Council of Literary Magazines (CCLM)/General Electric Foundation Award for publishing the short fiction story, An American Surprise. In June, Reynolds was one of 10 editors honored for editorial excellence and vision by CCLM.

To Reynolds, success means not only doing something very well, but doing something that will stand the test of time. "You only have to watch television to realize how fast things become outdated. If someone can pick up a back issue of tnr and understand it, then I am doing my job, she said."

After 19 years, does Reynolds have a favorite issue? She said, "Perhaps -17, which was our 15th anniversary issue. We ran a lovely piece called Chamber Music in the Suburbs, which many people thought was a positive statement. In fact, it was very delicate satire on people who had to play games because their lives were so meaningless. There was also fiction that was several years ahead of its time. Most people who wrote to us didn't understand it."

Although most of Reynolds' life revolves around tnr, she does enjoy reading, listening to serious music, seeing foreign and old genre films, and meeting with friends. The recipient of a bachelor's degree in business administration and political science from Suffolk University, Reynold did graduate work at Columbia University.

Each issue of tnr is produced by volunteer expertise. A portion of Reynolds' staff follows: Louise E. Reynolds, manager; Harry Jeckel, New York City, associate editor; Stanwood Bolton, poetry editor; Hilde Hartnett, assistant editor; Michael Thompson-Renzi, assistant editor; Ruth Moose, North Carolina, consultant editor; and Olivera Sajkovic, New York City, consultant editor.

Subscriptions to tnr are \$10.50 for three issues; individual issues cost \$6. Copies are sold at Reading International in Harvard Square and the Boston University Bookstore. Single copies may be requested from tnr, 9 Heath Road, Arlington, MA 02174.

BIRTHS

Joshua Montana

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Montana (Linda Zarr) of Park Avenue, Arlington are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Joshua Daniel, on Aug. 18, at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Montana of Princeton, New Jersey.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris S. Zarr of Worcester.

Paternal great-grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Friedman of Trenton, New Jersey, and Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Montana of Boca Raton, Fla.

Elisabeth Avery

Michael and Carol Avery of Newton, N.H. announce the birth of their first child, Elisabeth Anne, on Sept. 19 at Beth Israel Hospital.

Grandparents are Mrs. Celia McAuliffe of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Avery of Springfield.

Joseph Moskaluk

William and Debra (McMahon) Moskaluk of Billerica announce the birth of their second son, Joseph William Moskaluk, on Sept. 14 in Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William McMahon of Burlington and Joseph Moskaluk of Arlington.

HEALTH TIPS By Karen Abood



Physical Therapist BURSITIS

Bursitis is a common injury, usually occurring when tissues are repeatedly stressed in sports such as tennis, golf, swimming, and running. It frequently occurs along with tendonitis.

A bursa is a fluid-filled sac between a tendon or muscle and a bony area, allowing the tendon to move easily. When bursitis occurs, it is usually the result of increasing an activity too soon and continuing to stress the involved area. As a result, the bursa becomes inflamed, causing swelling, pain, and sometimes impaired movement. Other causes of bursitis are improper muscle and/or joint alignment, impaired flexibility, and lack of proper sport technique. It usually occurs in the shoulder, elbow, hip, knee, or ankle.

An orthopedic physical therapist would treat a bursitis similar to a tendonitis. First, the cause of inflammation must be diagnosed. Then, the inflammation must be treated by decreasing activity, applying ice to the area, and using ultrasound (deep heat). An exercise program specifically for the athlete is then given for increased muscle flexibility and strength. Injections of anti-inflammatory medication are sometimes given by the physician as well.

A trained physical therapist can help alleviate the discomfort and decreased function associated with bursitis. You can return to your athletic activity with added awareness that will minimize the risk of injury. For more information call our Watertown Office at 924-4590 or visit

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Arlington Extra



Town Day attracted crowds of Arlingtonians young and old to such events as, clockwise from lower left, souvenir hawker Don Phelan, clown performers from Gloucester, cotton candy maker Connie Tsakirgis, and fireworks over Spy Pond, viewed by Marc and Stephanie Carter.

(Paul Drake photos)

Town Day events draw large, well-behaved crowds

(Continued from page 1)

ed the perfect back drop for the dazzling display of fireworks.

The weekend's activities were kicked off with the return engagement of local favorite and Boston Bruins great Bobby Orr, who signed autographs at the Boys and Girls Club for two hours before the concert began.

Earlier Friday afternoon set up crews and the Tel Starr Fireworks Company of Jeffery, N.H., put last minute touches on the Friday night festivities.

The fireworks crews spent several hours getting the fireworks out to Elizabeth Island and set up for what would later be about 20 minutes of "oohs" and "aahs."

Crowd estimates for Friday night's pyrotechnic show are difficult to determine, said John Carroll, director of police, because over the years people have found their own vantage point — many far from Spy Pond Field.

"More now don't come down to

the field," said Carroll. "People go their trusted spots just before the fireworks begin. They line up all along Spy Pond, on Route 2 and at Robbins Farm."

Four men were arrested for drinking in public, two at Spy Pond Field, on Friday night, according to police records. Police are seeking a complaint against an 18-year-old Arlington man who fled after police approached him about drinking at the field.

"It really was a good weekend," said Carroll. "People were well behaved and by now know where they can park and what they can do."

The Town Day celebration on Saturday really started long before the first crowds started to gather along Massachusetts Ave. at about 10 a.m.

Public Works Department crews and police were out early Saturday, rerouting traffic, setting up the stage area and putting out enough trash barrels to handle the day's refuse.

By 9:30 a.m., the smell of sausages and peppers from the Sons of Italy grill was wafting through the center of town as St. Agnes Grammar School booth workers were lining up a variety of homemade baked goods.

Within a few hours, thousands of area residents descended upon the center and munched on popcorn, fried dough, pizza and sandwiches.

Shortly after noon, the line for lamb and shishkebob in front of St. Athanasius The Great Greek Orthodox Church was stretching across the avenue and down a few booths.

James Bouboulis, president of the church, said the explanation is simple: "We have the best food."

One church member also has a reason for the extraordinarily good weather during Town Days: "St. Athanasius gave it to us. Who else?"

The good weather and large crowd made for a profitable day, said many booth sponsors, most of them for non-profit town groups.

Some had to send out for reserve supplies of items and one organization had to go to a local super market to get more hotdogs.

Judy Johnson, a cheerleading coach for a Pop Warner team, said the football organization's booth was using the money from Town Day to outfit one of their cheerleading squads.

"We doing pretty well," said Johnson, who stopped making ham burgers long enough to answer a few questions. "I think this will help us get the squad their new uniforms."

Town Day provided something for whatever any resident could want to do. There were bike exhibitions in the Whittemore Robbins parking lot, a dixieland band in the Co-operative Bank of Concord's parking lot, and a full day of entertainment on the main stage at the town hall steps.

The weekend's events wound up at about 4 p.m., with the group of set-up crews making a command performance as clean up crews

Shaving cream works police into lather

Although police reported no close shaves on Town Day, they did work up a lather trying to scrape up all the cans of shaving cream that the peach fuzz crowd used to amuse themselves.

By mid-day, several officers patrolling the Town Day area had confiscated more than three shopping bags filled with cans of shaving cream, hair mouse and styling gel. Neat and clean is suddenly in?

The young mugs had failed to put their best face forward by spraying each other — and some innocent bystanders — with the foamy goo.

"I don't think the kids were trying to be malicious," said John Carroll, director of police. "We had heard it was something kids were doing at other area events. I think one or two brought the stuff and it spread."

Police had asked some of the local stores not to sell the shaving cream products, but the youths managed to find the white foam at other stores, Carroll said.

"Once the store owners realized what the kids were using it for they stopped selling it," said Carroll. "You can't tell someone not to sell something until you see the kids using it and it has become a problem."

Carroll said there were no reports of youths directly spraying bystanders. They were mostly using the shaving creme on each other.

And it's not even Halloween yet.

— Carol Beggs